SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Mr. Chairman. Sir. today the Bangladesh Prime Minister Shrimati Sheikh Hasina is in India on an official visit. I would like to welcome her and let her have a nice stay in India.

She has come here just to share the Ganga waters between India and Bangladesh. I hope the settlement would be a peaceful one and ultimately. the Calcutta Port will be protected.

But Sir. there are other important issues also which require immediate attention. The main issue is about the Indian enclaves and the Indian citizens thereon. For the last fifty years, about one lakh and fifty thousand Indian citizens are living in Indian enclaves surrounded by the territory of Bangladesh.

Sir. during the time of "TINBIGHA". it was stated that it would be settled within a few months but I am sorry to say that now five years have passed and nothing has been done in this regard. What is the condition of those one lakh and fifty thousand Indians who are living in the Indian enclaves surrounded by the territory of Bangladesh? They are living under the rule of jungle. There is no education; there is no school; there is no drinking water facility: there is no food; there is no law and order: there is no panchayat; there is no election: there is no legislature: there is no Parliament for them and there is no representive from them in this august House. This is the condition of our Indian citizens there. But our Government is still silent on this issue.

But I hope this time, when the Prime Minister of Bangladesh is here, we will make negotiations with her to solve the problem of this nature.

After all, they are our Indian citizens. Can you imagine that they are at the mercy of Bangladesh people? There is no law and order and there is nothing of this sort. It is a shame for us all.

Sir, I would like to know from the hon. Minister, from the Cabinet, from the Prime Minister through you about the people of that area. Out of one lakh and fifty thousand people there, 80 per cent are the Muslims and the remaining 20 per cent belong to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. May I know from the Minister, is it because of the fact that they are the Muslims and Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, that you are denying them the rights of Indian citizens and you are not making any negotiations with the Bangladesh Government? Sir, in this connection I would like to refer to...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Pradhan, what do you want the Government to do? please come to the point.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Yes, Sir, I am coming to the point.

When we gave the 'Three Beegha Corridor' to Bangladesh, at that time we demanded only two and a half beeghas of land, a piece of land of Daikhata. Three Beegha corridor has been provided already by the Indian Government for the Bangladeshi people residing in Bangladeshi enclaves within Indian territory to go to their mainland whereas the proposal to have a two-and-a-half Beegha corridor from Bangladesh to enable Indian citizens of Indian enclaves to come to their mainland, that is, India is still pending.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You are repeating it.

SHRI AMAR ROY PRADHAN : Sir, both the Governments are also going to share the Ganga Waters, that too, during this month only, but no action is being taken to have the two-and-a-half Beegha corridor *via* Daikhata, District Jalpaiguri, West Bengal by which approximately fifty per cent of the Indian citizens of Indian enclaves within Bangladesh will be in a position to visit India in a smooth manner.

In this regard, according to International Law, the right to servitude was the verdict on 5th May 1990 of the Supreme Court Bench comprising the Chief Justice S. Mukherjee, Justice M.H. Kania, Justice K.J. Shetty, Justice K.N. Saikia, Justice S.C. Agarwal in the case of "TINBIGHA".

Sir, I want this matter to be dealt with immediately so that the problem of our Indian people there is solved.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now, Shri Datta Meghe.

[Translation]

SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN (Shri Ganganagar) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, I am giving notices for the last three days but I have not been given an opportunity to speak...*(Interruptions)* The employees of Akashwani and Doordarshan are sitting on indefinite hunger strike for the last seven days...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI DATTA MEGHE : Mr. Chairman, Sir, many Congressmen gave a slogan for Vidarbha bandha on 9th December, 1996. Vidarbha bandh was observed peacefully. Not a single incident was reported ...*(Interruptions)* At that time I alongwith other leaders was taking rounds of Nagpur city. The D.C.P. Mr. Sawarkar intentionally insulted me and made me get down from the vehicle...*(Interruptions)* To insult an M.P. in such a manner is an insult to Democracy itself...*(Interruptions)* When I asked him that under what law he was arresting me then he hurled abuses on me and made me get down of the vehicle. When a lot of people gathered over then he made a retreat. But he instulated me a lot. All parties support our feelings towards Vidarbha. We are agitating in a peaceful manner. After some time even people belonging to Shiv Sena would come to know about the happenings in Vidarbha. Today, police and D.C.P. are committing atrocities on the people in Vidarbha atleast two thousand persons have been arrested...*(Interruptions)* I am giving a notice of privilege motion regarding D.C.P. Savarkar. I have met Speaker in this connection. He should deal an M.P. in a proper manner...*(Interruptions)*